

BEYOND DIFFERENCES FINNEYTOWN



Board Committee Meeting Minutes

Finneytown Secondary Campus Media Center

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Cincinnati, OH 45231

May 14, 2024

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order at 7:10
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Mission
 - a. A School Board Committee created for the purpose of facilitating dialogue and conversation within our diverse communities to better understand our needs and opportunities around diversity, equity, and inclusion.
4. Events for Next School Year
 - a. It was decided at last month's meeting with Dr. Banks and the full school board that a goal for next school year would be to host at least 3 events.
 - b. The first event that we considered and decided on was the homecoming tailgate, which has been previously run by the PTAs, who both are unable to find chairs of the planning committee and feel that it would be a good idea for it to be taken over by BDF. This would be a great way to celebrate our students, and its school and community organizations, let people know about BDF. We could also incorporate additional tables and performances that relate to BDF issues. The required funding previous years has been minimal and little coordination is needed with school officials, making it easier to run as a first event with staff off for the summer. It was agreed that it would be our first event.
 - c. The second event will be based around restorative practices. This is a relatively new initiative that many people have questions and concerns about. The priority was based on survey data, other community input, and meeting discussions. It would be a great way to showcase its implementation and demonstrate how it can be incorporated by

parents as well. January was thought to be a good time for this event to allow adequate time to plan.

- d. The 3rd event will focus on Nepali and Bhutanese culture, as it represents a significant portion of our population and is a something many people expressed interest in learning more about for their own sake and to better serve the community. This event could be held towards the end of the year.
- e. We are not limited to these three events, but these are what we'd like to commit to and start planning over the summer.
- f. Two other top ideas for events were to celebrate and educate attendees on students with special needs and abilities, and the LGBTQ population.

5. Next Meetings- TBD

6. Adjournment at 8:08

Minutes taken by Scott Myer, co-chair